

GROWING DEMAND FOR SMITH AND MORRIS TO MEET

Ring Critics Not Satisfied with Result of Their Recent Bout in This City.

Stands Good Chance for Another

Meeting with Champion if He Defeats Rivers.

Many ring critics proclaim Morris the coming champion. They point out that in his match with Smith he showed wonderful improvement in boxing skill, and

ment was the knack of hitting powerful blows. Smith's supporters declare that he was discouraged at his inability to bring the contest to a sudden close, despite the fact that he landed with full force on the tip of Morris's chin and was so tired from the body punishment that Morris dealt out that the end was bound to be only a matter of a few rounds.

Whether or not the blow which ended the bout was foul, for there are divergent opinions, the fact remains that Mor-

year. In all his recent bouts he has

with his vitality unsapped, Morris has learned to combine his recently acquired skill with his natural strength, and the result is a most formidable fighter.

At the present time Morris is camping hot on the trail of Smith, hurling chal-

Leaches and demanding a return match, but as yet his defiance has been uttered to no purpose. Smith absolutely declines the issue. It is Smith's failure to accept a match, which any other man in the country would prize that has given strength to the belief that he fears Morris.

Leach Cross, the East Side lightweight, is in line for a return match with Willie Ritchie. At present he is matched to box Joe Rivers, one of the best men in the ranks of the 133-pound men, and a match with Ritchie has been promised to the winner. In the minds of the majority it will be Cross who will face the champion. He showed in the fight with the middle-weighter at the Square Garden that he is one of the most dangerous men in the ring. Clever, cunning and game to the core, his terrific hitting ability makes him almost an even choice with any man in

the ring. When he meets Rivers Cross will have a double incentive. First, of course, is the chance of fighting for the championship, and then the desire to blot out the memory of the two popular decisions which he lost to Rivers in this city. A year ago Rivers was heralded as the coming champion of the world. Confronted by any man but the champion, Rivers is what they term a "bear," but he has never been able to surmount that last round in the ladder to fame. Of late he has shown signs of slowing up, although only a boy in years, while Cross, a veteran of ten years, is fighting better to-day than ever in his career.

There is a possibility, of course, that neither Cross nor Rivers will have the chance to meet Ritchie for the title. Early next month the champion will engage "Harlem" Tommy Murphy in a twenty-round contest on the coast. One lucky punch will often decide a battle, and Murphy might land it. Barring the un-

wherein Murphy has more than the proverbial "fighting chance." Ritchie is not alone one of the cleverest men in the ring, but he is a fighter from the ground up, with the stamina to take a hard

There is a report that Ed Hasan, of Seattle, has decided to return to that dear Seattle and remain there for some time to come. He had a painful experience with Battling Levinsky at the Atlantic Garden the other night, and is not signing for a repetition of the dose.

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Long Tour on Two-Wheeler.

One of the most interesting motorcycle trips taken this summer was that of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brattan, of Princeton, Ill., they having practically circled the United States on the two-wheeler. The Brattans journeyed north

to Canada first, followed the Canadian road to the coast, then south to Mexico. From there they took the southern route to the Atlantic Coast. They spent about six months on the trip, enjoying the healthful outdoor exercise and visiting many points of interest.

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